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TO ERR IS HUMAN

But the Fans Say it Makes a Very Ragged Baseball Game.

VICTORY FOR THE ISLANDERS

Was Wanner's Day—Makes Spectacular Play Aside from Steady Game.

GAMES TOMORROW. Bloomington at Rock Island. Decatur at Cedar Rapids. Peoria at Dubuque.

To err may be human, but it does not add to the interest of a baseball game. That one thing made the edges of yesterday's game very ragged, and while the teams wound up about even in this respect the Islanders pulled out another victory, 7 to 2.

An exhibition of almost everything known to the business was given to the fans yesterday. It was a peculiar game, and, while won by the hitting, the score list was materially lengthened by the errors, and both of Peoria's scores were made on an error.

Was Wanner's Day.

Yesterday was Wanner's day—a run, two hits, stolen base, five putouts, two assists and an error. His putouts included a piece of work as unexpected as Sweeney's on Sunday, although not at as critical a time. Schaffer hit a ball and straightened it out in a way that was high and fast. Wanner had to jump to reach it, and after spearing it with his mitt he juggled it a moment until it finally fell fast, and the third man was out.

Began in Second.

The Islanders could wait no longer than the second inning for their first score, so began right there. Wanner was first up and singled. He stole second and scored on an error by Dorsey in fielding one from McConnell. In the third Ruby drew a pass, Lister hit one into right field, and then Sapp fumbled one from Sweeney, which allowed Ruby to score. A hit by Wanner scored Lister.

Finish in Sixth.

It usually happens in the seventh, but the boys got their dates mixed and started it off in the sixth. It was all Vandine's fault, because he is the one who did the starting, which proved so material in the finishing. He was the first up and hit one for two bases to the left field. He went to third while Walters was being caught at first, and scored on McConnell's single. Carlisle hit a short one to right field, and Ruby reached first on an error by Sapp, the other runners advancing. Lister hit one to Elton that he would have gladly got out of the way for. It was right at him and he could not help making a pass at it, but it was too much for him and Mack and Carlisle both scored. Dorsey fumbled one from Sweeney and Ruby scored. The Islanders batted clear around that inning.

Two for Peoria. Carlisle ran quite a distance for one from Jones, and apparently had it easily, but he dropped the ball and that gave the Distillers a start. An error by Sweeney allowed Eastman to reach first, and O'Leary drew a pass. Jones was caught trying to steal third, but there were two left on bases when Sweeney threw wild in an attempt to catch Nicol, and both men scored. The score:

ROCK ISLAND.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
Carlisle, cf.	5 1 2 3 0 1
Ruby, lf.	4 2 1 3 0 0
Lister, lb.	5 1 2 11 1 0

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DAVENPORT FAN AND OLD BALL PLAYER ON EFFECT OF DISCOURAGEMENT ON TEAM

The following letter over the signature of R. B. Cook is published in the Davenport Democrat:

"The article in your issue of June 8, under the headings 'support the team' and 'pennant winning fans' and the article appearing June 9, entitled 'A fan explains the knocking,' touch, I think, the very vitals of the baseball situation.

"In what I have to say, let us understand, I am not seeking a controversy with the knockers. But I have been playing ball for over 20 years in college, amateur and professional games, and I speak from the standpoint of the player—from the point of view of the frog on the question of boys throwing stones.

"Every ball player knows that the one quality in a team that wins games, more than any or all others, is what the players call 'ginger.' In plain English—enthusiasm, spirit, morale. The Bloomington team of 1903 illustrated this admirably. Without great hitters, without great fielders, they won the pennant on spirit. Team spirit, loyalty to the team and the town.

"Now it is, I think, apparent that players cannot get up much enthusiasm in the presence of a crowd of their home fans, who are knocking. Every team, playing in its own class, must lose a certain percentage of its games. Defeat is at all times an enemy to enthusiasm and every time a team loses a game the effect is disheartening. The team must then fall

back on its pluck, its courage. If you could once hear a team jolly or roasting each other after a game is over you might begin to understand the value of spirit and enthusiasm. Let a team lose a few games, and then let the people for whom that team is playing go to roasting that team, and you have a combination that will take the heart out of the best bunch ever put together.

"I have been asked the question frequently of late, 'what in your opinion is wrong with the team,' and I have answered, 'The town.' Look at Stauff in Cedar Rapids, look at Wallace in Rock Island, look at Ruby in Rock Island. Do you think there is any reason for the improvement in these men after they left Davenport? There surely is a reason, and it can be summed up in the same two words, 'the town.'

"I don't expect to transform our baseball public, but I do want to say that you will never have in Davenport a pennant winning team until the supporters of the game learn something more about team spirit and the value of encouragement to a bunch of players where things are going badly.

"I can take, and have taken a bunch of players, imbued with the proper spirit, and win games from teams superior to us in every department of the game. We are doing it today with a little amateur bunch at Buffalo, and at Buffalo today the fans have as much to do with our winning as the players have. Why not let the same thing be true in Davenport?"

Sweeney, ss.	4	0	0	2	5	3
Wanner, 2b.	4	1	2	5	2	1
Vandine, 3b.	4	1	1	1	2	1
Walters, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
McConnell, c.	4	1	1	2	2	0
Wallace, p.	4	0	1	0	0	0

Totals	38	7	10	27	18	6
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PEORIA.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
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Sapp, 2b.	3	0	0	0	1	2
Dorsey, ss.	2	0	1	0	2	2
O'Leary, ss.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nicol, cf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Simon, c.	4	0	0	5	0	0
Elton, lb.	4	0	2	7	1	0
Schaffer, 2b.	4	0	0	1	1	1
Shour, rf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Jones, lf.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Eastman, p.	4	1	1	4	2	0

Totals	32	2	4	24	7	5
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Score by innings:

Rock Island	0	1	2	0	4	0	0	7
Peoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

Two base hits—Carlisle, Eastman, Vandine. Bases on balls—Off Wallace, 3; off Eastman, 1. Struck out—By Eastman, 3. Double plays—Sweeney-Wanner-Lister; Eastman-Elton, Stolen bases—Sweeney, Dorsey, Wanner. Sacrifice hit—Carlisle. Time—1:35. Umpire—Cusack.

Diamond Dust.

Yesterday was Wanner's day.

This high seat is very comfortable, thank you.

Vandine and Sweeney both gathered in some hot ones over in their yard. McConnell has a faculty of catching runners of first base that they do not seem familiar with.

Over-confidence or some close relation to it seemed to have caused the trouble in the eighth. That may win with the Peorians, but there are other teams and other days coming. What will the bridegroom say when he arrives and finds the foolish virgins with their lights out and their lamps empty? There will probably be something doing.

The Islanders failed to develop hits in the fourth and the eighth innings.

Decatur, 6; Davenport, 0.

Hardy was a puzzle to Davenport and until the eighth inning, was not touched for a hit. Morrison had miserable support. Score:

DAVENPORT.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
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Burg, ss.	0	0	3	6	2
Webster, 2b.	0	0	3	2	1
Crockett, lf.	0	0	11	0	0
Swalm, rf.	0	0	2	0	1
Alperman, 3b.	0	1	1	2	1
Reed, lf.	0	0	2	0	0
Lellvelt, cf.	0	0	0	0	1
Williams, c.	0	0	4	0	0
Morrison, p.	0	0	1	2	0
Niemann	0	1	0	0	0

Totals	0	2	27	12	6
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DECATUR.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
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Thornton, lf.	0	1	0	0	0
Lewee, 2b.	0	2	4	1	0
McFarland, rf.	0	1	2	0	0
Kuhn, lf.	1	1	8	0	0
Purcell, lb.	0	0	1	5	0
Bryette, ss.	2	1	0	4	0
Shea, cf.	2	1	3	0	0
O'Connor, c.	1	0	3	1	0
Hardy, p.	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	6	7	27	11	0
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*Batted for Morrison in the ninth.

Score by innings:

Davenport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decatur	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	6

Two base hits—Lewee. Stolen base—Bryette. Double plays—Morrison to Crockett; Burg to Webster; O'Connor to Purcell to Lewee. Bases on balls—Morrison, Hardy. Hit by pitcher—Williams. Time of game—1:30. Umpire—Lynch.

Springfield, 1; Cedar Rapids, 0.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 13.—Springfield bunched its hits on Ford in the ninth inning and counted the only score of the game, an error by Ball helping. Score:

CEDAR RAPIDS.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
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Davis, lf.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Spencer, 3b.	0	1	2	3	0	0
Himes, cf.	0	0	2	0	0	0
Gill, rf.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Berry, c.	0	0	10	4	0
Rail, 2b.	0	0	0	2	2
Hill, lb.	0	2	8	0	0
Berte, ss.	0	0	4	0	0
Ford, p.	0	0	0	2	0

Totals	0	2	27	11	2
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SPRINGFIELD.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
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Lippert, lf.	1	1	2	0	0
Jacob, 3b.	0	2	1	5	0
Wright, lb.	0	1	11	0	1
Novacek, lf.	0	0	2	1	0
Donnelly, cf.	0	4	1	0	0
Scharnweber, ss.	0	0	1	2	1
Ebright, 2b.	0	0	5	2	1
Ludwig, c.	0	0	3	1	0
Bridges, p.	0	0	0	3	0

Totals	1	8	27	15	3
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Score by innings:

Cedar Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Springfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Struck out—By Ford, 19; by Bridges, 2. Bases on balls—Off Bridges, 3. Wild pitch—Bridges. Hit by pitcher—By Bridges, 1. Time—1:30. Umpire—Weston.

Dubuque, 3; Bloomington, 0.

Dubuque, Iowa, June 13.—Dubuque won the second game of the series by bunting hits off Kinsella. Mertens made his first appearance and was invincible. Score:

DUBUQUE.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
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Davidson, lf.	0	1	1	0	1
Thiers, c.	1	1	7	0	0
Buelow, lb.	1	1	5	0	0
Reagan, cf.	0	1	4	1	0
Hughes, 2b.	0	0	2	2	0
Hadley, ss.	0	0	3	5	0
Reitz, 3b.	0	0	0	1	0
Stark, rf.	0	1	2	0	0
Mertens, p.	1	0	0	2	0

Totals	3	5	27	11	1
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BLOOMINGTON.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
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Godwin, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Out, cf.	0	0	1	0	0
Sass, rf.	0	0	1	0	0
Herbert, 2b.	0	0	0	1	0
Connors, lf.	0	0	1	0	0
Walters, 2b.	0	1	1	4	0
Snyder, ss.	0	0	2	4	0
Smith, lb.	0	0	13	0	0
Donovan, c.	0	0	5	0	1
Kinsella, p.	0	1	0	0	0

Totals	0	2	24	15	1
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Score by innings:

Dubuque	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
Bloomington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Two base hits—Reagan, Buelow. Bases on balls—Off Mertens, 4; off Kinsella, 4. Struck out—By Mertens, 6; by Kinsella, 4. Wild pitch—Mertens. Hit by pitched ball—Godwin. Umpire—Milan. Time—1:35.

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Peachy Graham pitched for Minneapolis again yesterday and defeated Toledo by a lop sided score.

Pa Hill is back on first, Three Eye fans will be glad to note.

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The Islanders are reminded that The Argus' offer for a box of cigars for hitting the score board sign lasts for the season. Good time to smoke up.

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Being on top in the percentage column carries with it a weight of responsibility to a ball team that no other aggregation in the league has to bear. The Islanders now have all to lose and nothing to aspire to, further than to hold their own. The stimulus received from the act of climbing over other teams is now lacking. There is serious danger to pennant winning prospects in the situation and the Islanders should keep cool heads.

The pace at the top is a severe one and it has seldom happened that an aggregation has taken the lead this early in the season and been able to keep it to the end. It is the rule that the monotony of winning games breeds over-confidence and then along will come the tail enders and take a straight series and the slump begins. By the time the erstwhile leaders are able to pull themselves together and hit a winning bag again some other team is likely to have the pennant won. It requires mental poise to keep the lead, as well as all those other rare qualities that are necessary to get there. It is hoped and believed that the Islanders are equal to what is out for them, but they must never for a minute forget that there is not another team in the league but that is able to get their scalps if they cease doing their level best.

Fans, Too, Over-Confident.

There is another ominous phase connected with the leadership that applies to the fans. Since Rock Island's winning streak has begun to lengthen out the week day attendance has fallen off. Even the supporters of the game are growing over-confident. They appear to take the view that the team does not need their support, being able to win anyway and that the visiting aggregation, particularly in the cases of Cedar Rapids and Peoria, cannot be expected to make an argument worth taking the trouble to see.

Now this is even more inexcusable on the part of the fans than is over-confidence on the part of the players. There is so little difference between the various Three-Eye teams that any one has very little advantage over any other taking the season through. Lack of support is one